

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

JOHN M. COWAN,

B.A., M.B., B.C. CANTAB.



WESTERN INFIRMARY,
GLASGOW, *March*, 1896.

*TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE
ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Assistant House Surgeon.

I went up to King's College, Cambridge, in 1888, and graduated in 1891 as B.A. (Honours), my subjects being Anatomy, Comparative Anatomy, and Physiology. In October, 1891, I returned to Glasgow and completed my medical education here, graduating M.B., B.C. Cantab, last spring.

During my Glasgow curriculum I gained first-class certificates in the University classes of Dr. Anderson, Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Murdoch Cameron, and Dr. Macewen, and in the Andersonian College class of Dr. Samson Gemmell, and also received a high commendation certificate in the class of the late Sir George H. B. Macleod.

Since graduation I have acted for six months as Dr. George Buchanan's House Surgeon, and at present am Dr. Tennent's House Physician.

With reference to Infectious Diseases, I attended two courses of instruction at Belvidere in the summer and autumn of 1894.

I append testimonials from some of my old teachers and hospital chiefs.

Believe me,

Very sincerely,

JOHN M. COWAN.

LIST OF TESTIMONIALS.

From T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.D., Regius Professor of Physic,
Cambridge University.

From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine,
Glasgow University.

From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery,
Glasgow University.

From HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., Surgeon to the Western
Infirmmary.

From T. KENNEDY DALZIEL, M.B., Professor of Surgery, Anderson's
College.

From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Anderson's
College.

From ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Cam-
bridge University.

From DONALD J. MACINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent,
Western Infirmmary.

From G. P. TENNENT, M.D., Physician to the Western Infirmmary.


*From T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.D., Regius Professor of
Physic, Cambridge University.*

ST. RADEGVND'S,
CAMBRIDGE, 28th January, 1896.

IT is my rule not to give testimonials to graduates who in the final examination, are not among those placed at the head of the list.

I find that five men were considered in MR. COWAN'S year to deserve places in this order; but as I find on reference that in the Pathology group Mr. Cowan stood very well, and in the medicine group he was but twelve marks (out of 400) behind the fifth and last man placed; and as, moreover, I remember that he read a good thesis in passing the Act for his degree, I have gladly consented to be guided rather by the spirit than by the letter of my rule, and cordially testify to the creditable position taken by Mr. Cowan in his graduation, and express my confidence in his abilities and attainments.

T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.



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*From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., Professor of Clinical
Medicine, Glasgow University.*

2 WOODSIDE TERRACE,
GLASGOW, *February*, 1896.

I HAVE great pleasure in stating that MR. JOHN M. COWAN has been long and favourably known to me. He has had a first-rate general education and is B.A. of Cambridge.

Since entering upon the study of medicine he has never omitted any opportunity for increasing his knowledge, especially in connection with his hospital work, and in my class of clinical medicine he took the highest place in the junior division of the class in the summer of 1893. Since then he has added largely to his stores of knowledge as Resident Medical Officer in the Western Infirmary; and, altogether, there are few young men for whom I anticipate a more successful career.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., *Professor of Clinical
Surgery, Glasgow University.*

193 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 18th February, 1896.

MR. J. M. COWAN, M.B. and B.C., was a diligent and attentive student, and gained a first-class certificate in my class.

He was a dresser and clinical clerk in my wards, and after taking his degree he acted for six months as my House Surgeon in the Western Infirmary. I can recommend him as very well qualified for the appointment of House Surgeon to the Sick Children's Hospital.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

From HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., *Surgeon to the Western
Infirmary.*

200 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 20th February, 1896.

MR. JOHN M. COWAN, M.B., B.C., informs me that he intends to apply for the post of Resident Medical Officer in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in April next.

I know no one, amongst recent graduates, better fitted by character, education, and training for the performance of the duties of that post. I am sure he will make an excellent House Surgeon and Physician, and will be found to be a pleasant colleague by all residing in the Hospital. I cordially wish him success in his application.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.



*From T. KENNEDY DALZIEL, M.B., Professor of Surgery,
Anderson's College.*

196 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 22nd February, 1896.

I HAVE known JOHN COWAN, M.B., for many years as a student and since graduation, and have no hesitation in cordially recommending him for any junior hospital appointment, not only on account of his professional attainments, but also for his personal worth. I feel sure his services would be a valuable acquisition to any hospital staff.

T. KENNEDY DALZIEL.



From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., *Professor of Medicine,*
Anderson's College.

17 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 1st March, 1896.

MR. JOHN M. COWAN, M.B., has been intimately known to me for some years, so that I am able to say without hesitation that he is in all respects a most eligible candidate for the post in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children now vacant. In the theory and practice of medicine he is well versed, and during his undergraduate career he took a distinguished place in the honours list in this subject. Of his clinical studies I can also speak with commendation; and his residence in the Western Infirmary during the last twelve months has made him familiar with hospital routine, a matter of no little importance. He is well equipped for the post he aspires to, and I trust he may secure it.

SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D.

From ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., *Professor of*
Anatomy, Cambridge University.

CAMBRIDGE, 1st February, 1896.

I CAN most heartily recommend MR. J. M. COWAN, M.B., as a most painstaking and careful worker, and one who brings to bear on his work not only a high standard of ability but also an unusual amount of common sense and sagacity. I had ample opportunity of seeing his mode of working and testing his capacity here, and I formed a very high opinion of both.

I feel sure that he will do thoroughly and well anything that is committed to his charge, and wish him every success in his candidature.

ALEX. MACALISTER.

From DONALD J. MACINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Western Infirmary.

WESTERN INFIRMARY,
GLASGOW, 19th February, 1896.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the very high opinion I have formed of MR. JOHN M. COWAN.

Mr. Cowan acted as Resident Assistant, first in the Surgical and afterwards in the Medical wards of this Infirmary, and discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

I have had ample opportunity of observing the conscientious attention he paid to his duties, and the kindly interest he took in the welfare of his patients.

His amiable and considerate disposition gained for him the esteem of all associated with him in his work.

D. J. MACINTOSH.

*From G. P. TENNENT, M.D., Physician to Western
Infirmary.*

159 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 2nd March, 1896.

I DESIRE to give DR. JOHN M. COWAN my heartiest recommendation in his application for the appointment of Assistant House Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. Dr. Cowan's medical education has been unusually complete. Of his clinical work while a student I had special personal experience, and I was then led to form a very high estimate of his abilities. During the past five months Dr. Cowan has acted as Resident Physician in charge of my wards in the Western Infirmary, and my intimate knowledge of him over this period has only tended to intensify, and more than fully confirm, the high opinion of his abilities already formed. Earnestly devoted to his work, possessed of exceptional administrative talent and tact, and always assiduously attentive and kind to the patients under his care, Dr. Cowan is one of those who turn all their practical experience to the very best account. I regard Dr. Cowan as one of the ablest and most accomplished Resident Physicians I have ever had, and in my opinion there are few young physicians more eminently worthy of or who will more admirably discharge the duties of the appointment he now desires. I have no hesitation in predicting his distinguished success in the profession.

G. P. TENNENT.

